Iowa Department of Natural Resources Natural Resource Commission

ITEM 8 DECISION

TOPIC Department of the Army Lease – Mississippi River Pool 13, Jackson County -- South Sabula Lake Access

The Natural Resource Commission's authorization is requested to allow the director to execute a lease with the Department of the Army that will authorize the Department of Natural Resources to develop and manage 484 acres of Pool 13 of the Mississippi River, known as South Sabula Lake Access, through September 30, 2032.

The property is part of Mississippi River Pool 13, located in the City of Sabula. It was acquired by the federal government to enable the construction of the lock and dam system in the Mississippi River. The majority of the property is permanently occupied by the river. This lease will extend the department's interest in the property which has been under a similar management agreement since 1957. The consideration is the operation and management of the premises by the department for the United States and the general public for public park and recreational purposes.

The Jackson County Conservation Board currently manages a 5.1 acre portion of the area under a management agreement with the department. It is intended that Jackson County will continue to manage that portion of the area.

Linda Hanson, Administrator Management Services Division December 13, 2007